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28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~providing~~ causing, at least in part, actions that result in reception at a first apparatus of an
electronic program guide for identification of a program of interest;

~~providing~~ causing, at least in part, actions that result in reception at the first apparatus of
selection options at the first apparatus of a first user for the first user to select from
said electronic program guide a desired program scheduled to be available in the
future ~~from said electronic program guide~~;

creating at the first apparatus a notification of the program selected from said electronic
program guide;

~~obtaining~~ causing, at least in part, actions that result in transmission of the notification of
the program selected from said electronic program guide directly from the first
apparatus to at least one remote electronic program guide system of a second
apparatus of a second user as authorized by the second user prior to the selected
program being available; and

~~obtaining~~ causing, at least in part, actions that result in transmission directly of an alert
message indicating said program selected to an SMS server to be forwarded as an
SMS to a mobile handset of the second user.

39. (New) A method of claim 28, wherein the second apparatus is a mobile communication
handset.

40. (New) A method comprising:

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causing, at least in part, actions that result in reception at a first apparatus of a first user of a notification of a program of interest in an electronic program guide from a second device by a second user;

filtering at the first apparatus to pass the notification when the second user is authorized to send the notification;

if the notification is passed, the notification a mobile alert flag set, and the second user is authorized to register a mobile alter, sending an alert SMS message to a mobile phone of the first user;

if the notification is passed, the notification contains a recording flag, and the second user is authorized to register a recording instruction,

(1) registering the recording in an EPG memory of the first apparatus thereby recording the program of interest;

(2) if the recording conflicts with a previous recording instruction, converting either the previous recording instruction or the recording instruction into a reminder as determined by the first user;

if the notification is passed, the notification contains a recording flag, but the user is not authorized to register a recording instruction, delaying the registration of the recording instruction until the first user either confirms or cancels the recording instruction;

if the notification is passed, the notification contains a reminder flag, and the second user is authorized to register a reminder, registering the reminder in the EPG memory of the first apparatus thereby reminding the first user the program of interest; and

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if the notification is passed, the notification contains a reminder flag, and the second user is not authorized to register a reminder, delaying the registration of the reminder until the first user either confirms or cancels the reminder.

41. (New) A method of claim 40, wherein the first apparatus is a mobile communication handset.

Support: Claims 28: recommendation/reminder sending device [0025]-[0027], FIG. 2; claim 40 recommendation/reminder receiving device [0029]-[0030], [0037], [0038]; FIG. 3